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SUBJ: TRAVEL CONTROLS ON SINO-SOVIET BORDER.

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1. EMBASSY WISHES TO BRING TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION THAT IN KORNIYENKO'S FEBRUARY 19 ORAL PRESENTATION OF NOTE ON REVISED TRAVEL CONTROLS (REFTDLS), HE MENTIONED PARENTHETICALLY THAT FOLLOWING FOUR FAR EASTERN AREAS ARE AT PRESENT CLOSED TO TRAVEL "FOR REASONS OF A TEMPORARY NATURE": EAST KAZAKHSTAN, AMUR, CHITA, AND JEWISH AUTONOMOUS OBLASTS. WE HAVE QUEIRED MFA PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT TRAVEL OFFICE WHICH CONFIRMS THIS AND STATES THAT THEY CANNOT PREDICT WHEN THIS "TEMPORARY" MEASURE WILL BE LIFTED.

2. THUS FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, SINO-SOVIET BORDER CONTINUES TO BE ALMOST COMPLETELY OFF LIMITS
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(KHABAROVSK IS AN OCCASIONAL EXCEPTION). IN PAST

THIS HAD BEEN ENFORCED BY TURNING DOWN ANY SPECIFIC TRAVEL REQUESTS TO THOSE AREAS. SOVIETS APPARENTLY HAD TO RESORT TO SPECIFYING THAT THE FOUR OBLASTS ARE MORE-OR-LESS PERMANENTLY CLOSED FOR "TEMPORARY" REASONS BECAUSE THEORETICALLY AMBASSADORS, UNDER NEW TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT, COULD TRAVEL THERE WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION.

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